COCHIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

Monday, the *19th of March 1934.*
6th of Meenam 1109.

The House met for the 3rd meeting of the Legislative Session of 1109 on Monday, the 19th of March 1934 at half past eleven of the clock in the Town Hall, Ernakulam, with C. G. Herbert Esquire, I. C. S., the Diwan President, in the Chair. Messrs. K. G. Nayar, T. K. Nayar, A. I. Mani, K. T. Mathew, K. Mohamed Seethi, C. A. Ouseph, Popatlal Goverdhan Lalan and P. V. Subramania Ayyar were absent.

Opening Statement by the President.

President.—Hon'bl Members of the Legislative Council, I have much pleasure in welcoming you all to this the final meeting of this legislative session and I request that in the discharge of the business before the House I may receive your co-operation as I have been so happy to receive hitherto. Now we will take up Questions and Answers.

Questions and Answers.

Loan to Mr. R. Govindan Chetty, Chittur.

256. Mr. A. Eachara Menon.—Will the Government be pleased to state—

(1) whether they have advanced an agricultural loan of three thousand rupees to one R. Govindan Chetty of Valmutty in Chittur;

(2) whether they have enquired what the nature of the work he was going to effect in his estate;

(3) how far has the work progressed;

(4) was the whole amount paid to him;

(5) if so, was it the rule that the whole amount could be given before the commencement of the work;

(6) if the rule is not that, why was a deviation made in this case?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.—(1) Yes.

(2) Yes.

(3) A part of the item of work for which the loan was granted has been executed.

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(4) Yes.

(5) There is no rule that the whole amount should be given before the commencement of the work. According to rules the sanctioning authority may disburse the whole loan in a lump before the commencement of the work.

(6) Does not arise in view of the answer to question (5).

Mr. A. Eachara Menon.—When was the amount paid?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.—On the 31st of Karkadagam 1108.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon.—What was the nature of the work executed?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.—You mean the nature of the work executed after the loan was sanctioned?

Mr. A. Eachara Menon.—Yes.

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.—There have been two items of work executed after the sanction of the loan. The first item is the consolidating and improving of bunds, levelling Survey Nos. 1775/1 and 2 and 1777/1 and 2 and filling up pits in these fields. The other item is almost identical with the first. Two items have been executed and there remain a few more to be executed during the course of the year.

Requests from Legislative Council Members for appointments.

257. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to state the names of the members of the present Legislative Council who have made requests either oral or written to the Government or heads of departments for appointments in the State service in 1108 and 1109; if so the posts for which they had applied?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Government do not think it would be proper to publish the names of the applications—even if there were any.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—May I know, Sir, why it would not be proper to publish the names? Is it a disgrace for Hon'ble Members to apply for Government posts?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Government have not implied that there is disgrace.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Then may I know why it is improper?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Government think that it is not proper to give out all the names of the applicants. Unless there is a need why should Government divulge all the names of the members who have applied for posts?

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